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1. On 29 April 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse, Weimar (N 51/J 57), was occupied by about 900 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. During the period from 21 to 29 April, up to 60 soldiers were seen daily at close order drill with rifles in the barracks yard, and 25 soldiers received instruction on a large radar set. A resident stated that about 150 soldiers with six guns left the installation northward on 22 April. Five 76-mm AA guns parked in the barracks yard on the same day.

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2. On 25 April 1952, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse was occupied by about 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including a few wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. On 21 April, about 400 soldiers without arms fell in in the barracks yard. On 25 April, about 150 soldiers were in the barracks yard to watch a ball game. About 20 soldiers maintained motor vehicles.

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3. On 25 April 1952, the middle section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 21 and 25 April, no training activity was noticed in the barracks yard.

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4. On 25 April, the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 21 and 25 April, intensive training of about 400 soldiers with 12 to 17 mortars, 8 x 76.2-mm guns was seen at the training area north of the installation. On 25 April, the troops received training on 5 x 45-mm AT guns. (1) On 25 April, four trucks, the last truck with a field kitchen, the others with boxes and various equipment and about 20 soldiers as escorting personnel were seen at the training area near the Luetzendorf estate. (5)

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5. On 25 April, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 21 April, five trucks towing 37-mm AA guns left the installation toward Ettersburg. Each truck was occupied by about 20 soldiers. On 25 April, a small group of about 15 soldiers practiced with rifles in the barracks yard. A 37-mm AA gun was seen in a gun shed.

6. On 25 April, the middle section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse was occupied by about 500 soldiers. Some wore black-bordered black epaulets and some blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 21 April, poles for overhead lines and 50 rolls of field wire were piled up in the barracks yard; there also were packs for carrying reels and field telephones. A group of very young soldiers drilled with rifles. About 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in the construction of telephone lines on the south edge of the training field near Gaberndorf; they appeared to be unskilled and very young. About 40 soldiers were engaged in athletics on 25 April. No other training activity was noticed.

7. On 25 April, the western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse was occupied by a military hospital. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen receiving first aid instruction.

8. On 29 April, the main building of the Nachrichten Kaserne south of Leibnizallee was occupied by about 900 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. The section on Duererstrasse was occupied by a motor transport unit of about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

On 22 April 1952, 50 troops practiced firing with rifles in the barracks yard. Fifty soldiers entered the installation with rifles. Two groups of 10 men each strung telephone lines in the Weibicht forest. On 26 April, 100 troops in three groups drilled with rifles in the barracks yard. About 60 troops strung light field wire lines in the Weibicht forest. On 29 April, about 50 men engaged in athletics. About 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in a signal practice at the athletic field in the Goethepark. They strung light field wire across the Ilm River.

9. On 28 April, the Mohra airfield was occupied by about 1,400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with black-bordered crimson, black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. About 60 soldiers received combat training in the area between the Mohra airfield and Ulla; they wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty-five soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and carrying telephone equipment marched toward Ulla.

10. On 23 April, source saw a column on the Arnstadt (L 51/J 35) - Erfurt road which proceeded northward. Six of the trucks towed 76.2-mm guns and two towed field kitchens. Each truck was occupied by an estimated 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and officers rode in several sedans. (C)

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11. Trains passing through Weimar toward Erfurt on 18 and 22 April included:

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Comment.

- (1) This information indicates no changes of the elements of the 13th AAA Div stationed there.
- (2) Same source reported the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne, which had been used as a processing camp for personnel, to be reoccupied beginning 14 March 1952.
- (3) The occupation of the middle section of the Tannenberg Kaserne by the 257th Motor Trans Bn of the Eighth Gds Army
- (4) The present information indicates that about 50 percent of the troops were away from the installation in late April. As previously, the periodical reports of this source indicate that the western section of the barracks installation is occupied by the 581st Port Regt (US). A large number of AT guns has been reported observed in the Tannenberg Kaserne for the first time. This is a vague indication that at least components of the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div moved from Weimar-Mohra to the Tannenberg Kaserne. This regiment was no longer confirmed in the Mohra airfield in late 1951.

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(6) The occupation of these barracks installations appears unchanged

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